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For: TAILORED INDEX SINGLE MODE OPTICAL AMPLIFIERS AND
DEVICES AND SYSTEMS INCLUDING SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3
of this paper. Claims 22-83 have been canceled and new claims 84-109 have been added to
allow prosecution of claims 1-21 and 48-73 of the parent application. No new matter has been
added.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.